Wheels' type train on a 6-day itinerary covering Bangalore City-Mysore-Hassan - Badami - Hospet - Vasco—de gama during tourist season from October to March.

गुजरात में रेलवे स्टेशन

633. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात राज्य में पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान रेलवे स्टेशनों पर, स्टेशन-वार कितनी-कितनी राशि खर्च की गयी है और आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान कितनी राशि खर्च किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ख) इन स्टेशनों के विकास तथा आधुनिकीकरण के लिए क्या योजनाएं हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात राज्य में विभिन्न यात्री सुविधा संबंधी निर्माण कार्यों पर 1093.44 लाख रुपए खर्च किए गए । बहरहाल, खर्च के राज्य-वार ब्यौरे नहीं रखे जाते हैं, आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान स्टेशनों के लिए आवंटन धनराशि की समग्र उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा ।

(ख) स्टेशनों का विकास और आधुनिकीकरण एक सतत प्रक्रिया है और यह यातायात की आवश्यकताओं के अनुसार किया जाता है बशर्ते कि धनराशि उपलब्ध हो, 1991–92 के दौरान गुजरात राज्य के स्टेशनों के लिए इस प्रयोजन हेतु 491.54 लाख रुपए निर्धारित किए गए हैं ।

Travel by participants of political rallies by train

634. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that participants in political rallies are not subjected to checking of tickets during their to and for train journeys to attend such rallies; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the estimated amount of annual loss thus caused to the railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

रेलवे द्वारा फालतू भूमि की बिक्री

635. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने रेलवे की फालतू भूमि भवन निर्माताओं को बेचने का फैसला किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अक्टूबर, 1991 में रेलवे के कब्जे में फालतू भूमि का कुल क्षेत्र कितना था जिसके उपयोग के लिए कोई योजना विद्यमान नहीं है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार महानगर क्षेत्रों में स्थित इस भूमि को भवन निर्माताओं को देने के स्थान पर सहकारी आवास समितियों, स्कूलों अस्पताल चलाने की इच्छुक स्वैच्छिक संस्थाओं को आवंटित करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Railway passes to ex-Members of Parliament

636. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide free Railway Pass to ex-M.Ps. with a companion; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The matter is under examination in consultation with the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Railway accidents in the country

637.. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the railway accidents which took place after the Government took over;

(b) what is the extent of loss of human lives and property due to these accidents;

(c) what is the compensation paid by Government to the victims and to the next of kin; and

(d) the causes of the accidents and the steps taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There were 203 train accidents, comprising of 11 collisions, 177 derailments, 14 accidents at level crossings and one case of fire in trains, on Indian Railways during the period 21-6-1991 to 31-10-1991.

(b) In these accidents, 87 persons, including 58 passengers, lost their lives and the damage to railway property has been estimated at Rs. 7.03 crores.

(c) No compensation has been paid so far. However a sum of Rs. 7.55 lakhs has been paid as ex-gratia relief to the next kin of the deceased and the injured.

(d) The accidents occurred due to human failure, equipment failure and sabotage etc. Some of the important steps being taken to reduce the accidents are induction of technical devices to aid the human element, intensive and frequent inspections of sensitive installations, monitoring the performance of the staff of critical safety categories such as drivers, guards, station masters, etc., intensive training including psychological checks of staff in operational categories surprise checks against carriage of inflammable/explosive material in passenger trains, provision of whistle boards/speed breakers and road signs at the approaches of unmanned level crossings and improving visibility for road users and train drivers.

12.00 NOON

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th January, 1991 to Starred Question 142 regarding chemicals developed by O.N.G.C.

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair].

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, I have a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me finish the statement by the Minister correcting the answer to Question No. 142 answered on 7th January, 1991. Shri B. Shankaranand.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, may I make a submission?

श्री प्रमोद महाजन (महाराष्ट्र) : उपसभापति महोदया, इसी पर कहना चाहता हूं कि 7 जनवरी, 1991 को दिए गए प्रश्न का स्पष्टीकरण अगर नवम्बर, में हो तो 9 महीने से अधिक की देरी इस स्पष्टीकरण पर क्यों हुई ? पहले मंत्री महोदय यह बताएं ।